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## 2. Polish Naval Base

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[redacted] a Polish naval base was located at point D of enclosure A on Westerplatte and was approximately 0.16 nautical miles long. Included among the buildings were new barracks, constructed of steel and painted gray on the upper part and red on the lower part. Three boats which looked like minesweepers were berthed at the base, in addition to about ten "quick" boats, six of which were in the water and four of which were suspended from cranes on shore. [redacted] these "quick" boats as craft about 120 feet long with a machine gun mounted to the rear of the deck housing and with two torpedo tubes forward of the housing, one on each side of the craft. [redacted] these crafts to be torpedo boats. One large crane was seen at the base but type was not determined. [redacted] Polish sailors and a great many Polish soldiers dressed in brown uniforms similar to the uniform of American soldiers. The area of the naval base appeared to be new and well kept.

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3. Excavating

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On shore in the Westerplatte area at point E of enclosure A, a great deal of excavating work was noted; the exact nature of the excavation could not be determined. This area was heavily wooded, and a large number of people were seen working there.

4. Berth

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[redacted] the depth of the water of point C of enclosure A [redacted] was approximately 29½ feet. [redacted] there was sufficient room in this slip to turn a ship around and proceed out to the river. [redacted] there was an ore discharging depot on the west side of the slip; this is labeled as an ore-loading depot [redacted] Movable cranes on tracks were located on both sides of the slip. At point F of enclosure A, at the end of the slip, was located a custom house and port office in an old German building. A wide road was also located on either side of the slip.

5. Landmarks Near Berth

On the east side of the river near the coal tips area, at point G of enclosure A, there was a small town. There was an old tower located at point H. On the west side of the river, there was an old grain elevator, which appeared to be unused, situated at point J. And at point K of enclosure A were several warehouses.

6. East German Ship

[redacted] a new East German merchant ship, the Magdeburg, in the river above Holm Island. [redacted] the ship was about ten thousand tons and was entering in ballast. [redacted] the ship was from Rostock and was going into drydock. 25X1

7. Facilities at Dock

Many stevedores, ranging in age from forty to sixty, were available for working the cargoes and they seemed to be good workers. Many new tugs were observed around the port. 25X1

8. Port Security

No particular restrictions were placed on the crew. Crew members were free to go where they wished. Although no one took cameras ashore, there were no instructions issued forbidding or limiting the use of cameras. Two soldiers were stationed on the ship at all times, one at the bow and one at the stern. Both carried sidearms. One soldier was also stationed in an overhead crane. 25X1

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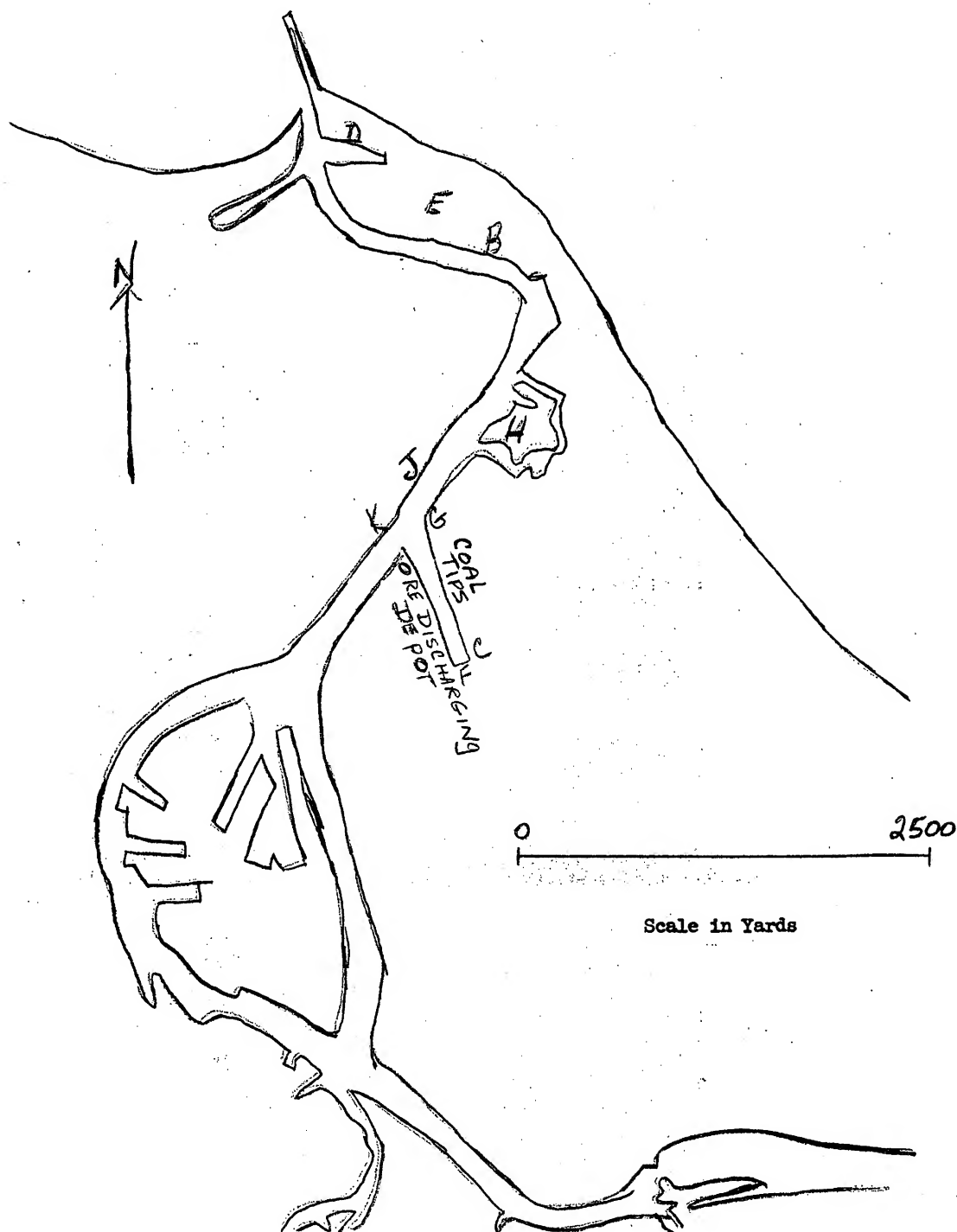
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